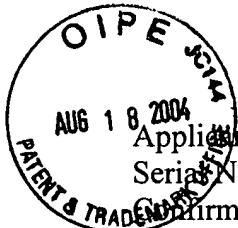


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**Response to Restriction Requirement**

Sir:

In response to the second Restriction Requirement mailed on July 14, 2004, Applicants herewith elect Group I (claims 12-19 and 37-52, drawn to a method for treating or preventing allergic asthma, classified in class 514, subclass 44, 826).

Applicants further make an election of species as follows:

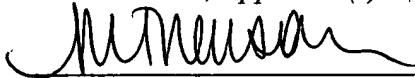
- (i) an immunostimulatory nucleic acid that is a CpG nucleic acid;
- (ii) an immunomodulator that is a down-regulator of IgE that is itself an anti-Ig antibody or a fragment thereof; and
- (iii) an asthma/allergy medicament that is the bronchodilator/beta-2 agonist salbutamol.

This species election is made for examination purposes only. It is understood that upon allowance of a generic claim, Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species.

At least claims 12-18, 38-40, 42, 44-45, 47-48 and 52 are readable on the above elections.

Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of the non-elected claims in continuing applications.

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